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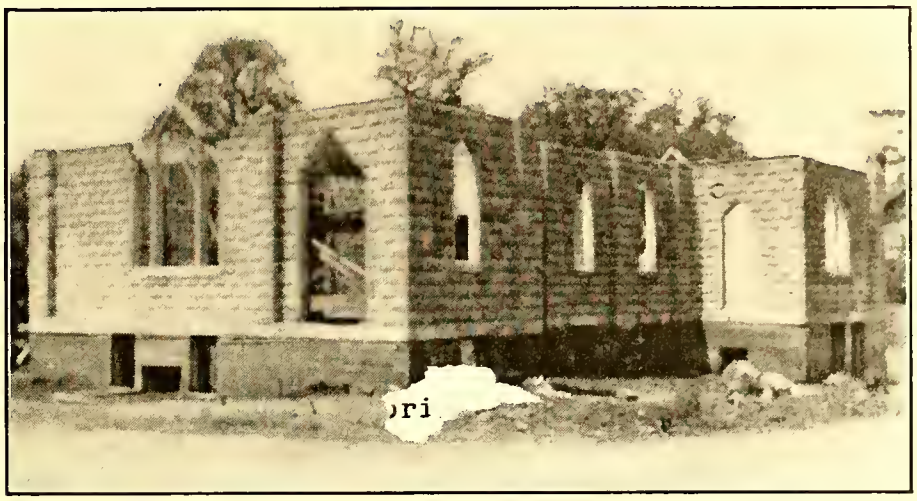

THE THOMAS CAIN MEMORIAL CHURCH (ALL SAINTS' MISSION)
WARRENTON, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The accompanying picture represents the present condition of the Thomas Cain Memorial Chapel, of all Saints' Mission, Warrenton, N. C.

This beautiful little church is cruciform in shape, and makes a pleasing appearance, being located on a prominent corner. The basement walls are built of concrete, and above the basement, constituting the church proper, the walls are built of concrete blocks. But we have reached the point where we can go no further; in fact, the Building Fund account is slightly overdrawn, and we feel justified in asking—shall we be permitted to finish it?

In addition to this, our Convocation is to meet in this Church about the last of August, and the congregation is as certain of its being ready as if they were already in it, and we have not one of fifteen hundred dollars that is necessary to complete it.

Somehow, in spite of discouragements, I am as hopeful as any of the congregation that we shall be able to have our Convocation meet in the new chapel. To realize this hope, I am conscious that considerable work must be done, and in a very short time; but the Great Builder of Churches will, in His own time and way, direct the hearts of the Philanthropic to aid us in accomplishing his purpose.

The Rev. Dr. Bragg, editor and publisher of the Church Advocate, in giving a sketch of the life and works of the late Rev.

Thomas Cain, has made a pertinent suggestion to the colored congregations throughout the country: one, that if needed, would relieve our necessities, and make certain the completion of this church. It is hoped that they will begin now to fulfill the obligations made and renewed at several of our Conferences. Dr. Bragg writes thus: ''Every colored Sunday School in the country ought to esteem it a great privilege to contribute a number of 'blocks' in the construction of the 'Cain Memorial Church,' in Warrenton; and they will so think and act, if the colored clergy of the Church will tell them the story, and give them the opportunity to show forth their love in this matter. And what is true of the Sunday Schools would be equally true of all our congregations, if we could find some way to interest the colored clergy in the matter. In the mean time, let all those who have it in their hearts to make some offering in perpetuating the memory of one of the bravest, ablest, and cleanest men that have ever adorned the Afro-American priesthood, send what they have to offer to Archdeacon Henry B. Delaney, Raleigh, N. C." Brethern, shall we be permitted to finish it? If each one of you will do your duty toward us, we shall.

Hopefully yours,

H. B. DELANY.

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